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SOME QUESTIONS OF NOMENCLATURE.*

INTRODUCTION.

I HAD originally selected for the address which it is my duty and privilege to give to-day a very different subject† from that which I am now to discuss; but the renewed and lively interest which is being manifested at present in the ever-troublesome subject of nomenclature has led me to take it as my theme. I have been especially influenced, too, by the consideration that a committee was appointed at the last Zoological Congress, held at Leyden, to consider the subject, and suggestions have been asked for.‡ Of the multitudinous

* Address by Vice-President of Section F.—Zoology.

I avail myself of the opportunity to correct the proof of my address for SCIENCE, to add a few typographical corrections (not made in the proofs for the *Proceedings* of the Association) as well as some additional notes.

† Animals as Chronometers for Geology.

‡ The Third International Zoological Congress, (Leyden Sept., 1895), appointed an International Commission of five members to study the various codes of nomenclature in use in different countries. This commission is composed of Dr. Raphael Blanchard (France), Prof. Carus (Germany), Prof. Jentink (Holland), Dr. Sclater, (England), and Dr. Stiles (United States). Dr. Stiles requested the appointment of an American Advisory Committee. This Advisory Committee has now been completed and is made up as follows:

“Dr. Gill, representing the National Academy of